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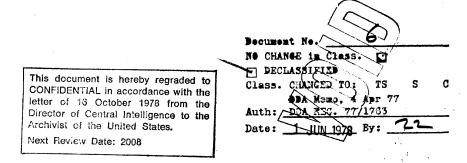
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- General Antonio ARANDA Mata stated in mid-December 1949 that he was disappointed with the progress of the opposition to General FRANCO. ARANDA, convinced that the FRANCO regime would fall in the near future because of economic conditions in Spain, complained that disunity in the Monarchist ranks had greatly decreased Monarchist chances of taking over the government after FRANCO's fall. He saw little hope that unity could be achieved in time to replace FRANCO with a stable government.
- 2. ARANIA placed the chief blame for the lack of unity on the Estoril Monarchists. This group around Don Juan, he said, wants to control all opposition activity, but has no plan of its own. It is maintaining a state of confusion by approving whatever proposals are presented to it, no matter how contradictory they may be. Instead of unifying all Monarchists and then attempting to reach an agreement with other oppositionists, ARANDA complained, the Estoril Monarchists are alienating all factions by giving each one the impression that its proposals have their complete approval.



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